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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of July 5, 2002, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

**In the Claims:**

~~—Please cancel claims 1-8, 17-37 without prejudice or disclaimer.~~

**Please amend claim 9 as follows:**

9. (Amended) An optical reader system comprising:

a portable optical reader; and

a nonintegrated processor;

said portable optical reader having an imaging assembly, a reader processor

in communication with said imaging assembly, and a reader memory in

communication with said reader processor, said optical reader being adapted to  
receive a component control instruction from said nonintegrated processor;

said nonintegrated processor adapted to transmit a component control  
instruction in response to a user input command to control said optical reader;

said optical reader being programmed so that said reader processor executes  
said component control instruction substantially on receipt of said component  
control instruction from said nonintegrated processor.

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